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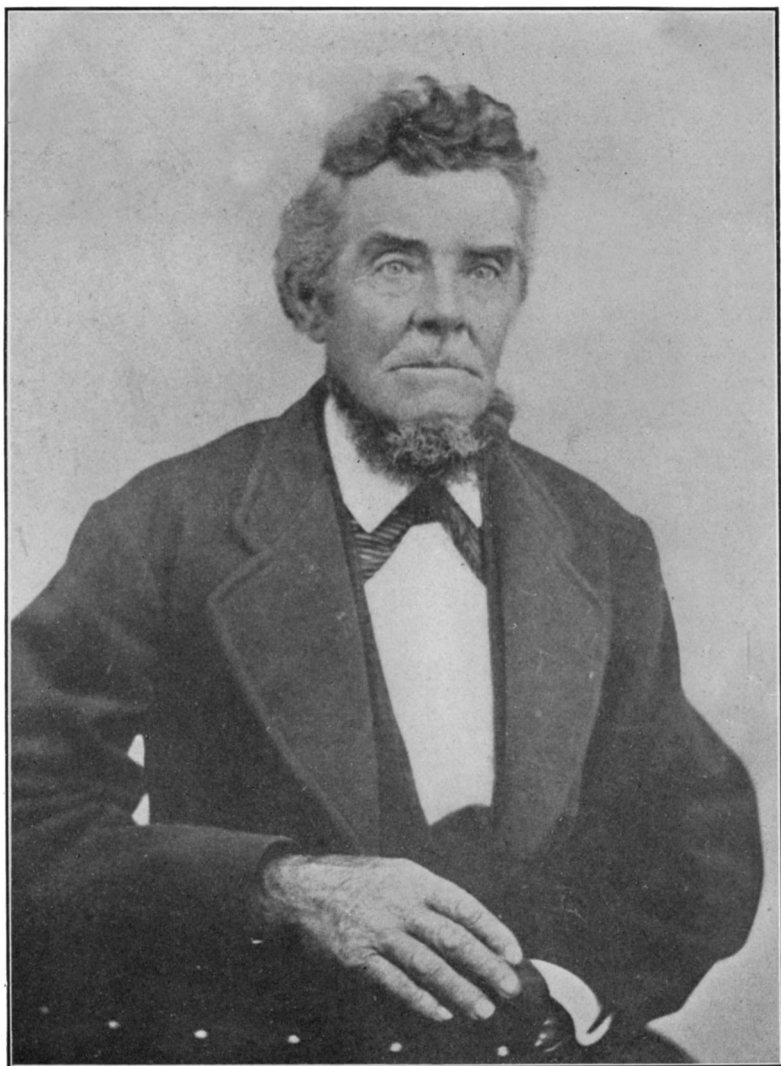
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ISAAC HIBBARD

**Isaac Hibbard and Susan W. McLean Hibbard—  
Pioneers of Kendall County, Illinois.**

By Avery N. Beebe.

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Among the sturdy pioneers that found their way to Illinois were Isaac Hibbard and his life companion, Susan Williams McLean. Isaac Hibbard was a Connecticut Yankee, born down where the wooden nutmegs and basswood hams grow, and where the Puritans would not allow their geese to hatch out eggs on Sunday.

This Yankee was born in Woodstock, in the year 1813. Circumstances compelled him to seek employment at an early age, and having been endowed with the zeal and ambition that creates activity, he soon caught the infection of "Westward, ho!" Susan Williams McLean was born at Cordonova, New York, in the same year. Both of them being teachers, it was not unusual that they drifted together and in the year 1839 they were married at Cherry Valley, New York.

In the year 1843 they became teachers of public schools. Here they followed this vocation for about two years, and then came to Plano, Kendall County, Illinois. Here Mr. Hibbard again pursued his calling as instructor, as he had by this time developed the knowledge of farming, and found it necessary to cultivate the soil in the farming season and apply himself to teaching in the winter season in this new country. The people soon found that Mr. Hibbard was a mathematician of a high order, and the late ex-Congressman Hon. Lewis Steward, from the Twelfth Illinois district, was often heard to remark that Isaac Hibbard "was the best equipped mathematician ever in this country. He had the tact and gift to explain such as few others possessed."

Mr. Hibbard withal was a natural philosopher and never grew tired of explaining. His illustrations were so plain and

simple that the most obtuse pupil could easily comprehend, and his exceedingly agreeable and winning ways made the students feel free to consult him.

Isaac Hibbard was emphatically a self-made man in all that this term implies, esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. He was a very gifted conversationalist and delighted his auditors with his methods that proved so instructive. He was not ambitious to accumulate the broad acres of Illinois soil. Neither was wealth the apple of his eye, as he considered other matters of far greater importance.

In religious belief both Mr. Hibbard and his wife were of the Congregational faith, and they belonged to that denomination at Plano to the end of their days. Mr. Hibbard preceded the passing of his beloved wife by a number of years, his death occurring in the year 1887.



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